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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 4, 2003, Applicant elects claims 1-49, of Invention I, directed to a method. Applicant therefore withdraws from prosecution in the above-identified application, claims 50-89, of Invention II, directed to a polishing apparatus, and claims 90-91 of Invention III, directed to a plating apparatus, without prejudice, but reserve herein the right to prosecute such claims in a later filed continuation or divisional application.

Applicant therefore awaits consideration and examination of elected claims 1-49 and respectfully requests consideration on the merits in due course.

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Respectfully submitted,



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